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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): DRAMA GROUP FOR 1975

GENEVA PASS GUY CORIDEN, CSCE DELEGATE; LENINGRAD FOR
P&C; STATE FOR CU/ARTS, INFO: CU/EE, EUR/SOV; USIA FOR IEE

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1. COPIES OF "DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS" AND "MATCHMAKER"
NOT AVAILABLE HERE FOR CURRENT REVIEW, BUT EMBASSY
CONCURS IN INITIAL OFFER TO GOSKONTSERT/MINCULT.

2. FOR ALTERNATE PLAYS, EMBASSY SHARES DEPT.'S PREFERENCE
FOR "TIME OF YOUR LIFE." "DELICATE BALANCE" ALSO COULD
BE CONSIDERED AN ALTERNATE.

3. EMBASSY SEES NO RPT NO STRONG CASE FOR "GLASS MENAGERIE"
OR "MIRACLE WORKER."

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE VISIBLE LACK OF ANY
CONTEMPORARY PLAY BY SECOND AMERICAN THEATER TROUPE,
FOLLOWING SIMILAR LACK IN ARENA STAGE TOUR IN USSR,
WILL BE SUBJECT OF COMMENT BY SOVIET AUDIENCES, AND PROBABLY
US PRESS. SUGGEST DEPT. AND A.C.T. CONTINUE EXPLORE
POSSIBLE CONTEMPORARY PLAYS FOR TOUR.
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5. SEVERAL EMBASSY CONTACTS (EXPERTS IN AMERICAN THEATER)
HAVE SUGGESTED "THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON" AS FIRST CHOICE.
APPRECIATE DEPT./A.C.T. VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY.

6. FOR USIA: PLEASE SEND AIR IMMEDIATE COPIES OF PLAYS
UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.
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